

MAKES FIGHT FOR ONE-CENT POSTAGE

Mr. Hill Urges Business Men of Richmond to Join National Movement.

O. H. Hill, cashier of the American National Bank of this city, is taking an active part in the campaign for one-cent letter postage, and is urging local business men to give their support to the movement.

"We have been entitled to a lower rate on letter postage for many years," said Mr. Hill, who is now conducting a campaign to gain support for the one-cent postage.

"No concerted effort has previously been made to secure it. The National One-Cent Letter Postage Association has now taken up the work and has several thousand members scattered all over the country. This association has for its sole purpose the cutting down of the present exorbitant rate on letter postage."

The National One-Cent Letter Postage Association is conducting an active campaign to secure this lower rate. Many business firms in this city are already affiliated with this organization, and we hope that more will join us in the fight for the one-cent postage charge now being paid for carriage of letters. The association has its headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio, because the executive officers live in that city. Charles William Burrows is president of this association, and Mr. George T. McIntosh, in addition to being secretary-treasurer, is managing the campaign.

"Personally, I urge every business man to affiliate himself with this organization. It means that letter postage will be cut in two as soon as the one-cent for local letter postage is won. We have nothing in our favor, and there is no reason why we should not secure a one-cent rate at an early date."

OLD CONVICT SHIP ARRIVES IN PORT

Many Prominent People Invited to Go on Board at Formal Opening To-Morrow.

The convict ship Success, which was towed up the river from Norfolk yesterday, was not able to enter the dock because of icebergs that cut down the tide, and it has been delayed by Captain Smith that the formal opening will take place to-morrow noon at the Municipal wharf, just east of the Old Dominion wharf. The big hull, standing high out of water, attracted hundreds of people to the scene, and the flags of all nations flying from the rigging gave the vessel an unusual interest. Several hundred citizens have volunteered to attend the opening exercises, after which the general public will be admitted. Captain Smith made arrangements yesterday to have electric wires extended to the wharf so that the Success will be brilliantly illuminated at night. By Monday the ancient vessel will probably be brought to the foot of Eighteenth Street.

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ST. ANN'S SOCIETY AT WEISBERGER'S

ACTION OF BOARD STIRS CITY HALL

Big Department Store Given Over to Charity for One Good Day.

To-day, beginning at the early opening hour, the great department store of Weisberger, at 312 to 318 East Broad Street, will be practically in charge of Saint Ann's Benevolent Society, of St. Peter's Church, Eighth and Grace Streets.

The Weisberger company agreed of their own free will and accord to donate to the Saint Ann's Society 10 per cent of their gross sales for this day. The society was also requested to furnish as many "ladiesmen" as might be deemed necessary for the enlarged business of to-day, and accordingly they will have not a few of them on hand prepared to sell the thousands of items of all the good things that are usually found in a twentieth century department store.

The officers of St. Ann's Benevolent Society are the following: Mrs. J. Ryan, president; Mrs. W. P. Leaman, vice-president; Mrs. M. P. Murphy, treasurer; Miss Beatrice Canepa, secretary. There are three honorary presidents, Mrs. Andrew Dizzini, Mrs. Catherine D. Hagan and Mrs. W. D. Harton. Mrs. Lenore Burroughs and Mrs. John Allen are the disbursars. There are several honorary vice-presidents who will be very busy at Weisberger's, one of whom is Mrs. John Murphy.

The sewing circle is under the direction of Mrs. S. A. Lee and Miss Anna Lee of 406 East Grace Street.

The committee in charge of St. Ann's Day at Weisberger's on Thursday evening includes Mrs. J. Ryan, Mrs. John Allen, Mrs. M. P. Murphy, Mrs. M. P. Martin, Miss Beatrice Canepa and Miss Margaret Laffatta.

In order that the poor may know to whom to appeal in case of need the society desires to make public the following list of visitors with their addresses: first district—Mrs. L. Burns, 167 South First Street, and Mrs. John Cummins, 133 East Main Street; Second district—Mrs. W. H. O'Neill, 511 North Ninth Street, and Mrs. M. P. Murphy, 509 1/2 North Fifth Street; Third district—Mrs. P. J. Ryan, 1509 Park Avenue, and Mrs. John Kahn, 512 Cathedral Place; Fourth district—Miss Theresa Higgins, 218 Governor Street, and Mrs. W. P. Leaman, 318 North Twelfth Street; Fifth district—Mrs. W. D. Harton and Mrs. John Teefey, 414 North Eighth Street; Mrs. B. Mahoney, 511 East Leigh Street, and Mrs. John West, 411 North Eleventh Street; Sixth district—Barton Heights and Ginter Park, Mrs. Frank Nott, 525 Garland Avenue; Seventh District—Highland Park and Chelsea Hill—Mrs. John Allen, 512 East Leigh Street; Eighth district—South Richmond—Mrs. Frank Nott, 525 Forest Hill, and Mrs. C. Yardsley, 407 West Fifteenth Street; General eastern district—Miss Beatrice Canepa, Oakwood Avenue; General western district—Mrs. H. McDonald.

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HIS SKULL FRACTURED.

Stuck With Stone Following Quarrel About Dog.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Winchester, Va., December 10.—George Baker, a prominent farmer of Mount Jackson, is believed to be dying from a fractured skull, having been struck with a stone by Charlie Clem while quarreling about a dog.

JUSTICE OF PEACE ASSAULTED.

Edmund Clark, of Del Ray, barely hurt by thief.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Alexandria, Va., December 10.—Edmund Clark, a justice of the peace of Del Ray, Alexandria County, was assaulted and beaten by Justice Thompson, although they do not know the cause of the assault. They were James Harrison, Melvin Massie, Will G. Griffin and Harvey Massie. When Clark was walking on the sidewalk in front of the Police Station, he was attacked and took in custody Harrison, who had been detained by a citizen. Some one in the police station being nearby, the officer, after taking Harrison to headquarters, telephoned for an undertaker to come and get him. In the meantime, numerous citizens convened Clark to police headquarters and the order for the undertaker was countermanded. In as much as Clark appeared very much alive.

ADMINISTRATIVE CORNER.

The Administrative Board entered an order yesterday, requesting the City Council to grant a \$10,000 petition of the General Assembly to grant permission for the rounding off of the corner of Capitol Square at Twelfth and Main Streets, in accordance with plans prepared by the City Engineer.

AGRICULTURAL FARMER DROPS DEAD.

Had Just Told His Son That Health Was Good.

Winechester, Va., December 10.—Malachi Hugh, aged eighty-eight, one of the wealthier farmers of Frederick County, dropped dead to-day after remarking to his son, who was then visiting at home, that his health was good.

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Early training, the secretary says:

"As a peaceful and military people, engrossed in the settlement and upbuilding of our country, and in the development of the wonderful resources with which it abounds, we are but dimly impressed with the fact that just as agriculture and commerce are the foundations of our great national prosperity, so with equal truth our military and naval forces are its bulwark and defense. While I believe there is a world-wide and growing sentiment for the settlement without bloodshed of all disputes between nations, just as even now there is provision of law for such settlement of difficulties between individuals, I recognize the fact that the time has not yet come when a nation can wisely, firmly or safely risk its efforts for independence in case of war."

The army is not a luxury—it is a public necessity. A nation that is opulent, enterprising, and unarmed, as of old, still invites aggression, if not disaster. Speaking for that element of the national forces which comes under the control of this department, I hope to see in time of peace a growing sentiment of increased pride in our army that will make the uniform of officer and enlisted man respected always and everywhere, and not an object of curiosity or vindictive discrimination."

MEXICAN BORDER CONTROL.

The Mexican border patrol, the secretary continues, held for the action of the grand jury by Justice Thompson, although they do not know the cause of the assault. They were James Harrison, Melvin Massie, Will G. Griffin and Harvey Massie. When Clark was walking on the sidewalk in front of the Police Station, he was attacked and took in custody Harrison, who had been detained by a citizen. Some one in the police station being nearby, the officer, after taking Harrison to headquarters, telephoned for an undertaker to come and get him. In the meantime, numerous citizens convened Clark to police headquarters and the order for the undertaker was countermanded. In as much as Clark appeared very much alive.

AN EXTENSIVE PATROL

"An extensive patrol has been continuously maintained by these troops from the state of Mexico to the frontier of the United States, west of Flagstaff, Ariz., a distance following the winding of the frontier of some 1,600 miles. Throughout this stretch of territory

our troops have protected the border individuals, with the result that the border patrols from Mexico have been continually on the alert to prevent violations of the neutrality laws, and have acted in conjunction with the civil authorities to prevent illegal importations of arms and ammunition into Mexico in violation of the President's proclamation of March 14, 1912.

"The duty of our troops at border towns during the conflict between the warring Mexican factions was of a most trying nature, and the conduct of the troops under the circumstances and the exercise of good judgment and self-restraint on the part of commanding officers are highly creditable."

THEIR WORK

There were 9,459 vacancies in the enlisted strength of the regular army at the end of the last fiscal year when its actual strength was 75,900, and its total numbered 4,000, of which were 4,115 per cent of the whole number of enlistments. Though larger than the percentage for the three preceding years, that was yet smaller than the percentage for any other year since 1901. The secretary feels that a close and sympathetic relationship between the officers and men will surely tend to lessen desertion, and he is personally devoting as much of his time as he can to the enlisted men—literally the backbone of the army—and all that concerns him.

ENCAMPMENTS SUCCESSFUL.

The joint encampments of the army and college students were highly successful. It is said that they foster a patriotic spirit and spread among the citizens a more thorough knowledge of military history, policy and needs, all necessary to the complete education of a well-equipped citizen in order that he may himself form correct opinions on military topics.

Mr. Garrison recommends that in justice to the "hundreds" of eager boys who cannot get into the service now, West Point should be opened to the widest competition, so that any boy may take the examinations with the condition that, if no candidate from the particular congressional district in which there is a vacancy should qualify, the candidate who passed highest from some other district where there was no vacancy should receive the appointment.

The secretary refers to the attempt to implement the act of Congress, and declares that if the existing law is inadequate, it should be strengthened and, if adequate, it should be enforced.

Of the turning over of the Philippine commission to native control, he says: "The step which has now been taken will be carefully observed. These best acquainted with conditions in the islands anticipate no evil consequences."

SECRETARY COMPLAINS OF PORTO RICO.

Secretary Garrison demands that the demand for the independence of Porto Rico represents the idea of but a few people, and it is idle to consider or discuss any future for the people of Porto Rico as separated from the United States. He does, however, believe that citizenship should be granted to Porto Ricans on individual application.

The secretary complains of the heavy reductions in appropriations for the army.

He says: "The effect of these cuts, which are to go into effect with the next fiscal year, necessarily places me now in the position of either not asking for

what the army needs or of seeming to ask for more than my predecessors."

MINOR PROPOSES NOVEL REMEDY TO SETTLE UNREST

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The State Legislatures, in this regard, have not quite generally ascribed to the corrupt influence of special interests. That the assumption is in some cases true will hardly be denied. But it is more often the cause to be found in the legislation of the legislatures themselves.

Members of neither Senate nor House are supposed to represent particular and special interests, but only the general interests of all their constituents.

It is not necessary to assume legislative corruption in order to explain why much of our legislation is inefficient or even actually vicious, injurious and unjust. Ignorance of the subjects dealt with is enough to insure it."

Professor Minor then proceeded to outline a plan based upon Colton's doctrine, he said, upon which are coextensive, it is said, upon which are

based all constitutional checks and balances, save those from despotism, whether the despots be an absolute monarch, an oligarchy or a numerical majority of the people.

Applying the principle to the States of the Union, he said it might be expressed in the form that the great interests of the States shall each have a concurrent voice in or else a vote upon, governmental action. This principle has been worked out in the national government, but the States have instead balanced the numerical majority of one district against that in another, with the result that the whole machinery of State government in the final analysis rests in the hands of mere popular majorities. "The evils sure to evolve from such a system," said Professor Minor, "are in large measure responsible for the growing demand for more democracy expressed by the initiative, referendum and recall."

IN CONCLUSION Professor Minor made an especially strong plea against the recall of judges or of judicial decisions, basing his opposition to this device on the ground that the judiciary is not intended to, and should not, represent the will of the people, but rather their sober judgment.

Professor Minor, who is himself a member of the state of government, and whose father was the author of "Minor's Institutes," a law treatise which New York, as well as Southern lawyers swear by, was heartily concurred upon his effective arguments.

He was by far the most talked of address of the evening, despite the fact that John Purroy Mitchel, Mayor-Elect of New York, and the son of a Virginia officer in the Confederacy; Dudley Field Malone, former president of the bar of New York, and Dr. John H. Tracy, New York Commissioner of Education, were among the speakers. All were introduced by Walter McGehee, president of the society, who hails from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, and who was one of the society's organizers twenty-eight years ago. At noon Professor Minor was dined at the Lawver's Club by a number of prominent New York lawyers.

Virginia Well Represented.

Virginia was probably better represented than any other State, among her former sons present being George Gordon Battle, law partner of Senator James O'Gorman; H. Snowden Marshall, United States District Attorney for Southern New York; General Hoyt T. Douglas, commander of the Confederate Veterans' Camp; and Robert E. Harrison, president of "The Virginians," a New York organization of former Virginians.

During the evening "Dixie Land" and other famous old songs of the South were sung by all present and reminiscences and anecdotes from "Down Home" flowed freely; for the occasion was the annual "get-together" affair of the Southerners in New York, and many

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